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1 **IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

2 **Inventor:** LYLE TOWNSEND
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11 **DECLARATION OF JAMES EGELHOFF, OPERATIONS MANAGER FOR BVI**

12 **PEST CONTROL**

- 13 1. I am the Operations Manager for BVI Pest Control located in Virgin Gorda of the
14 British Virgin Islands. Our company has accounts with several large tropical resorts and
15 services hundreds of bait stations each month.
- 16 2. Our customers prefer the realistic rock appearance of Mr. Lyle Townsend's rock
17 simulating pest trap over conventional industrial type pest control boxes because it blends
18 into the geology of the Virgin Islands.
- 19 3. The recessed, concealed entry holes located at the end of each side tunnel are
20 effective in preventing entry of non-target species, particularly, large Soldier crabs, Hermit
21 crabs, and Fiddler crabs, into the trap.
- 22 4. Bait replacement in bait stations used by our company has been drastically reduced
23 after using Mr. Townsend's trap because the rat-bait-loving crustaceans can no longer enter

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1 the bait stations to obtain the bait.

2 5. Since implementation of Mr. Townsend's traps, revenues for BVI Pest Control have
3 increased and costs have decreased.

4 I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and
5 that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that
6 these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so
7 made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the
8 United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the
9 application or any patent issued therefrom.

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